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In Re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Applicants : Dieter KERNER et al.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 22, 2004, which has an initial response due date of February 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.